

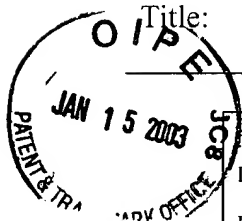
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 15, 2002, said period of response being extended from October 15, 2002 to January 15, 2003.

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